

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY, 1923.

A. S. KENNARD, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read :—

1. On the British species of *Truncatellina*. By A. S. Kennard, F.G.S., and B. B. Woodward, F.L.S.

2. (a) Masculine deficiencies in the British Vertigininæ.

(b) The presence of a Subcerebral Commissure in the Orthurethra. By Hugh Watson, M.A.

3. On *Turris (Surcula) macella*, nom. nov., for *T. macilenta*, Melv., nom. præocc. By J. C. Melvill, D.Sc., F.L.S.

The following exhibits were made :—

By Dr. Boycott: A coloured drawing of *Vitrina major* by Mr. Davy Dean.

By Mr. Winckworth: A series of interesting specimens of *Cardium edule*, L.

By Col. Peile: Unios from Lake Albert.

By Mr. A. S. Kennard and Mr. B. B. Woodward: Specimens illustrating their paper.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1923.

A. S. KENNARD, F.G.S., President, in the Chair.

Dr. Dudley Stamp was elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read :—

1. Note on the Systematic Arrangement of the Clausiliidæ. By A. S. Kennard, F.G.S., and B. B. Woodward, F.L.S.

2. The Anatomy and General Affinities of *Ochthephila turricula*, Lowe. By Hugh Watson, M.A.

3. Some Synonyms of the Veneridæ. By J. R. le B. Tomlin, F.E.S.

The following exhibits were made :—

By Mr. A. S. Kennard and Mr. B. B. Woodward: Specimens illustrating their paper.

By Col. Peile: Specimen of *Pæcilozonites cupula*, Gulich, from the type locality.

By Mr. Winckworth, on behalf of Mr. G. Bateson: Specimen of *Synapta inhærens* with *Montacuta donacina* attached thereto.

Concerning this Mr. Bateson wrote :—

On the 3rd of April, 1923, the Easter Class at the Plymouth Marine Biological Station, visited the Salcombe Estuary and collected a number of *Leptosynapta (Synapta) inhærens*. After returning to the laboratory, Miss J. Barrington (Newnham College) found a small Lamellibranch

adhering to the surface of a *Synapta*. The mollusc was attached by its foot, which was broadened at the end, providing a circular area of contact with the skin of the Holothurian. When stimulated, it did not lose its hold, but the foot was drawn in and a little bit of the *Synapta* was pinched between the valves of the shell. The mollusc was finally pulled away with some difficulty, but there was no visible injury to the skin of the host at the point of attachment.

The mollusc was forwarded to Mr. Winckworth, who very kindly identified it as *Montacuta donacina*, S. V. Wood.

It was at first thought that the *Montacuta* had attached itself to the Holothurian while being carried up to the laboratory in a bottle; but since the original observation, Dr. J. H. Orton (Marine Biol. Assoc. Plymouth) has found other specimens in the same position.
